

Important Coronavirus update from UU Wausau

Dear UU Wausau Friends,

Your minister, staff, and Board of Trustees have been paying close attention to the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and its impact on our world, and we know that you are too.

After much thought, conversation, and consultation with local, state, and federal authorities, and also in keeping with the recommendation of the Unitarian Universalist Association, we have decided that it is our moral and civic duty to do everything we can to reduce the spread and impact of this virus.

That means we will temporarily suspend all in person worship services and all other meetings and events effective Saturday, March 14, at 3PM. Access to the building will be limited to essential personnel only. We hope that this will last only a couple of weeks, but we will remain in frequent communication with you as we receive updated information and make determinations about next steps.

I humbly ask for everyone's understanding and flexibility; we need to be nimble in times like these as changes and recommendations arrive often.

What Happens Now

Being church means that we gather to share our joys and sorrows, to sing and pray, and to laugh and cry together. But sometimes it means we need to pause from doing things like we usually do. By doing this we help keep the most vulnerable among us safe and healthy, and one day we can look back and know that we did our part to help keep our beloved city, state, and nation safe. Taking this step forward is gut wrenching, but it is done so out of a sense of public-spiritedness and love.

The staff is currently working to bring UU Wausau online for worship services and small group gatherings. We hope that you will join us from the comfort of your couch or dining room to sing and pray and be together. We encourage the groups that usually gather within our walls to follow our lead and create virtual gathering places for the time being.

As a caring community that strives to support one another, we ask that you keep in touch with your church family. Additionally, we are looking for people who are willing to call/check-in with vulnerable members. We are also calling for those who would be willing to bring meals/supplies to sick or quarantined people (leaving items on doorsteps without contact). If you are interested in helping with caring outreach, please let me know.

If you are feeling unwell and need assistance, or if it would be helpful for you to talk with someone please leave a message at [\(715\) 842-3697](tel:7158423697) or email any member of the staff. Feel free to share your concerns, questions, or suggestions.

When this time is over, my hope is that we emerge with new energy and vision for being the church in the world today, and that we see with fresh understanding how necessary it is to create a just and peaceable community for everyone.

Take good care of yourself and your family. Hold this and all communities tenderly. Trust that the UU Wausau family continues in love, determination, and compassion.

Sincerely,
Brian